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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: PIEGER et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend  
the application as follows: